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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA

REF: VIENTIANE 5655

1. SOUVANNA SPENT A QUIET DAY DURING MOST OF WHICH HE WAS AWAKE AND ALERT. HE CONVERSED AT LENGTH WITH THE TWO FRENCH PHYSICIANS, ONE OF WHOM WILL RETURN TO PARIS TODAY. DR. LKIKS BELIEVES THEY WERE DISCUSSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED CONVALESCENCE IN FRANCE. THE 16-DOCTOR CONSULTING GROUP REMAINS COHESIVE, WITH NO FRICTION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS NATIONALITIES, AND CONTINUES TO FOLLOW THE SAME BASIS APPROACH TO THE TREATMENT OF THE CASE. THE ESTABLISHED ROUTINE WILL PROBABLY CON-
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TINUE OVER THE WEEK-END. UNLESS SOUVANNA'S CONDITION

CHANGES, OUR NEXT REPORT WILL BE JULY 22 (COVERING THE PERIOD JULY 20-21). DR. KLIKS' MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FOLLOWS:

2. SOUVANNA'S TEMPERATURE ROSE AGAIN TO 38DEG CENTIGRADE AT 2:30 A.M. JULY 29, WHICH, ASSOCIATED WITH PERSISTENT COUGH AND RALES ON THE LEFT BASE ON PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IN THE MORNING, LED TO A DECISION BY THE MEDICAL GROUP TO STOP THE TETRACYCLINE AND TO SWITCH TO LINCOMYCIN INTRAVENOUSLY. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IS OTHERWISE UNCHANGED, AND THERE HAS BEEN THE EXPECTED DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT A FOURTH HEART SOUND IS PRESENT. THE ELECTROCARDIOGRAM SHOWS A BIT LESS (ABOUT 1 MM) ST SEGMENT ELEVATION IN THE PRECORDIAL LEADS. THE LABORATORY DATA ARE ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS EXAMINATIONS. THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER SOUVANNA SHOULD BE PLACED ON MALARIA PROPHYLAXIS, SINCE HE VISITS LUANG PRABANG FREQUENTLY, HAD A HISTORY OF SEVERE MALARIA TEN YEARS AGO, AND NOW HAS HAD PERSISTENT FEVER. MOST OF THE PHYSICIANS, HOWEVER, DO NOT FEEL THAT THE CLINICAL PICTURE IS SUGGESTIVE OF MALARIA AND THE MEDICATION IS BEING USED ONLY AS A PROPHYLAXIS. THE FASTING BLOOD SUGAR WAS ONLY 158 MG PERCENT WITH NEGATIVE URINE SUGAR AND ACETONE. BECAUSE OF THIS, IT WAS DECIDED TO GIVE THE PATIENT ONLY 1/2 TABLET OF GLUCOPHAGE DAILY.

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